(d) if not, the reasons therefore and whether Government propose to take steps to keep control over such donations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Religious institutions and places of worship are free to manage their activities and Government has no controi over the management of their affairs. Action is taken as per law whenever instances of violation of existing laws come to notice.

Ban on bull fighting

860. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)whether it is a fact that 13 people have lost their lives and more than 150 have been injured in bull fighting on the eve of Pongal Celebrations recently in Madurai district of Tamil Nadu, where it is very popular on the line of foreign countries like Spain and France;

(b)whether Government are proposing to impose ban on such dangerous practice of bull fighting; and

(c)if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Assistance to the next to kin of victims of stampede at Mandhardevi Temple

861. SHRI DATA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)whether Union Government have provided any help to the next of kin of the victims of the stampede at the Mandhardevi Temple in Wai, Maharashtra on the 25th January, 2005;

(b)if so, the details thereof;

(c)whether Union Government have also provided financial help for development of Mandhardevi Temple; and

(d)if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Central Government has